The Gujarat Government had requested for a liberal package of assistance to sick textile units. In this respect two schemes, one for the rehabilitation of sick but potentially viable textile mills, and the other for their modernisation are already in operation.

Sardar Sarovar Project

58. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the project stages of Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada river and what will be the cost of the project statewise;

(b) what are the submergence aspects in terms of villages and population affected and forest and culturable land submerged by the project;

(c) what are the project benefits in terms of overall development of beneficiary States;

(d) what will be the employment generation for the construction of the main dam, power house and canal systems of the project; and

(e) what is the total annual revenue expected from the project when completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Sardar Sarovar Project estimated to cost Rs. 5793 crores (November, 1984) is to be built in a single stage.

(b) The project will affect a population of 66,700 in 234 villages. The likely submergence is about 37 thousand hectares including 13 thousand hectares of forest land and 11 thousand hectares of culturable land.

(c) An annual irrigation of 17.92 lakh hectares in Gujarat and 0.73 lakh hectares in Rajasthan is envisaged. The total installed power generating capacity will be 1450 MW. The power generated is to be shared by Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra and Gujarat in the ratio of 57:27:16.

(d) and (e) Precise details for different components have not been worked out.

Inflationary rate

59. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of inflation in terms of the wholesale prices and what was the rate in 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) what was the wholesale price index during the week ended January 16, 1988 and what was the figure for the corresponding period last year, i.e. on January 16, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Rate of inflation on a point to point basis measured in terms of wholesale price index (1970-71—100) was as under:

	Annual rate of inflation
	(as on end January)
1985-86	5.8
1986-87	5.4
1987-88	9.6

(b) The wholesale price index during the week ended January 16th, 1988 stood at 415.7 as against 377.9 on January 17th, 1987.

Decline in export growth rate

60. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adverse balance of trade of the country is expected to reach the level of Rs. 43,000 crores by the end of the Seventh Plan period in view of the shortfall in the export growth rate and increase in imports; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the balance of trade position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The trade deficit during 1985-86, 1986-87 and April-December, 1987 amounted to Rs. 8763.10 crores, Rs. 7516.91 crores and Rs. 4913.37 crores respectively. It is difficult to precisely estimate the trade deficit with which we will end the Seventh Plan period at this stage.

(b) Series of physical and financial incentives have been introduced by the Government in order to promote exports and curtail the increase in imports so as to improve the balance of trade.

Irrigation projects from Andhra Pradesh pending clearance

61. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects pending for clearance with Central Water Commission relating to Andhra Pradesh and since when they are pending;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance and what is the actual position at present;

(c) what steps the Central Government have taken for their clearance and by what time these projects are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether any efforts have been made by the Central Government to coordinate the activities of various agencies and departments in the matter; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) Comments on 7 major and 6 medium projects received since 1985, except for 2 medium projects received during this year, have been sent to Andhra Pradesh for their compliance.

Solution of Punjab problem

62. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in Punjab by the terrorists since the imposition of President's Rule in that State and the steps taken by Government to prevent killings by terrorists in Punjab;

(b) whether Government are intending to initiate fresh negotiation with different Groups in Punjab to end the violence and for finding a peaceful solution of the problem; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to information furnished by the Government of Punjab, 777 persons were killed in incidents due to terrorist activities during the period 12th May, 1987 to 31st January, 1988. The steps taken to check terrorist activities in the State include raids on the hide-outs of terrorists and their harbourers/associates, intensification of patrolling and prompt follow up action on the information received about activities of such elements.

(b) and (c) The Government has made sincere efforts to solve the Punjab problem and efforts in this direction are continuing.

Jain Muni's efforts to solve Punjab problem

63. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jain Saint Acharya Muni Sushil Kumar has taken any initiative to solve the Punjab problem; and